

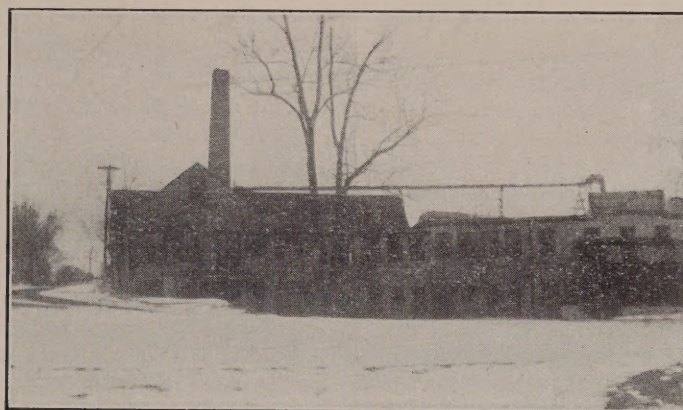
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THE MILL AND BOX SHOP

"THE MILL AND BOX SHOP"

When towns were separated by miles of forest and rough roads and it was necessary for each settlement to be sufficient unto itself conveniences for making their simple necessities of life were a first thought. It is not known who built the first mill on this site, but it is certain there has been one here since the very early days of the town.

The earliest record which mentions a mill here is a deed from Henry Farwell of Dunstable to Caleb Parker of Newton. " . . . in the county of Middlesex within his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Gentleman, in consideration of Fifty Pounds to me in hand before the Ensealing hereof, well and truly paid by Caleb Parker of Newtown in the County and Province aforesaid, Husbandman, by these Presents have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed one messuage or Tract of Land situate in Dunstable, containing Fifty Acres, be it more or less . . . together with the Stream or Mill Brook running the same and the Mills standing on the same." March 26, 1728-9.

In 1745-55, Farwell mortgaged the Waldo Farm of 700 acres, including the grist and saw-mills, to James Gordon of Boston. On 20 August, 1755 it was voted by the town " . . . that the meeting-house in this precinct shall be on the west side (of the river) near Mr. James Gordon's mills."

In 1785, Ovid Houston, an educated body-servant of Gordon's, took the mill property to satisfy a debt owed to him by Widow Temperance Gordon, probably James' mother. At that time Houston lived in the house now the Telephone Exchange, or Andrews house, and is said to be buried in a tomb at the rear of the house.

The next record is 1799 when Jonathan and Lucy Hamblett sold to Asa Butterfield. No mention is made of its being more than a grist mill at that time.

Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence, minister in Tyngsborough in 1815 wrote " . . . The grist mill is on the west side of the river, near the meeting-house and within one rod of the publick road, containing two pairs of stones and in excellent repair."

The Julia Butterfield house by the bridge was a carpenter's shop in the mill-yard near where the Town-Hall now stands. It was moved to its present location and made over into a dwelling house by Capt. Asa Butterfield for his son, Asa, Jr., when he was married, about 1814.

May 6, 1825, Asa Butterfield sold the mill to Timothy and Charles Butterfield.

They sold to Joel Adams, Oct. 6, 1830. He sold it the following January to Simon Thompson and Joseph Danforth, Jr.

In 1840, Joseph Danforth, Jr. transferred his half to Ebenezer Swan and Joseph Danforth, Sr.

John G. Upton came into possession of the mill in 1849, getting a clear title from the last owners in 1856. Mr. Upton leased a small piece of land, about 1400 ft., by the pond to George Turner and George Leird in 1852 for five years at 25c per year. They bought a wheelwright's shop belonging to the house now occupied by Mr. Flagg and standing in the field back of it, and moved it down onto the land leased from Upton. Mr. Upton bought it of them and moved it to where it now stands to form the part of the mill near the road. He built two brick chimneys. Some of the bricks of the first one came from the chimney of a cooper shop which stood on the little piece of land opposite Dr. Lambert's house near the railroad.

The present chimney was built about 1893 and was considered a marvelous addition at the time. A story connected with the building of it may be of interest. It had

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been completed but the staging had not been removed when the Glorious Fourth arrived. When the Morning After the Night Before dawned the residents of the Centre were amazed to see a four-wheeled dump-cart securely balanced atop the chimney. It had been pulled up on ropes piece-meal. Getting it down was "another story."

Mr. Upton built up the mill, enlarging and repairing it and carried on a successful business for many years. At one time he employed a number of women to nail small boxes as all the nailing was done by hand.

The mill was a grist mill and saw mill when he took it over, and had also a carding machine for carding wool. The mill at one time stood up close to the highway. It is said that when the water in the pool is low the timbers of the old foundation can be seen near the road. Mr. Upton moved it back to its present location.

A few years after the death of Mr. Upton, his heirs sold it to Albert A. Flint, about 1900. He made numerous alterations, adding the office building, sawdust house and blower system and putting in nailing machines, corner-locking machines and other up-to-date machinery. He also put in the spur-track. His business was mostly confined to small boxes and box shooks, and built up an extensive business.

It was taken over in 1917 by the Equitable Income Associates, Inc., of Boston. They sold it to the Tyng Box Co., in 1919 who ran it a short time and then sold it in 1921 to Ernest D. & Stephen H. Scribner of Lowell, the present owners.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS—24

1927	Name
Jan. 10	Joseph Edward Craven.
Jan. 21	Marie Annie Catherine Fissette.
Jan. 28	Ernest Alfred Howland.
Feb. 11	Theresa Shirley Dolan.
Mar. 12	Sylvia Ann Ford.
Mar. 16	Beryl Eileen Zinn.
Mar. 19	Joseph George Poirier.
Mar. 31	Florence Elizabeth Marinel.
Apr. 2	Mary Esther Loudin.
May 9	Ralph Leroy Jordan.
June 2	Robert Granville Harlow.
July 11	——— Lord.
Aug. 17	Stillborn.
Aug. 30	Joseph Maurice Alfred Lambert.
Sept. 17	Constance Louise Sherburne.
Sept. 25	Irene Lillian Bechard.
Oct. 12	Bertha Crowell.
Oct. 16	Christina Zamanian.
Oct. 28	———
Oct. 29	Winifred May Horne.
Nov. 13	——— Huot.
Dec. 14	——— Fortin.
Nov. 30	George Arthur Treble.
Feb. 1	Arthur Leon Russell.

MARRIAGES—23

1927	
Jan. 15	Frank Conley, Helen Wright.
May 16	John M. Meaney, Valeida L. Bouvier.
June 1	Charles A. F. Blood, Lucie Avery Holt.
June 18	Arthur Walter Newton, Pauline F. Ruch.
June 19	Arthur J. Ladd, Katherine Ellen Bush.
June 19	Wesley G. Fuller, Lois Marie Hopkins.
June 22	Ludwikas Petkianicis, Stella R. Tamkun.
July 1	Leslie V. Marinel, Mary Agnes Smith.
July 2	Napoleon Bergeron, Antoinette Langlois.
July 14	Warren W. Bacon, Idal Elaine Holt.
July 25	Robert Barr, Helen M. Moore.
Aug. 3	Henry Albert Tulley, Marion Laura Hudson.
Aug. 6	David F. Bowden, Margaret E. Crozier.
Aug. 21	Maurice S. Turner, Edna Grace.
Aug. 22	Paul Chester Roberts, Vangie Venetta Hopkins.
Aug. 28	G. Leon Hall, Edith Hazen.
Sept. 27	Ray Pike, Jr., Adelaide Harlow.
Oct. 7	Charles L. Davis, Mildred B. Fuller.
Nov. 19	Vincent A. J. Fournier, Adelaide Goddell.
Nov. 29	Edward Boucher, Madeline Cardin.
Dec. 9	Elmer James Stickney, Anna Marguerite Sullivan.
Dec. 15	Archie Bouley, Alice Boucher.
Dec. 24	Donald Fairfax Whiting, Doris Jane Taylor.

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DEATHS—19

1927

Jan. 21	Napoleon Blaine	40	—	—
Jan. 19	Edward E. Ward	67	8	25
Jan. 30	Marie Olivette Pelletier	—	4	20
Mar. 8	Theresa Shirley Dolan	—	—	23
Mar. 14	Albert Rudkin	46	10	26
Mar. 17	Beryl Eileen Zinn	—	—	1
Mar. 29	Arthur Harris Ouelette	—	4	13
Apr. 21	Gerard Bouffard	16	2	11
Apr. 25	Maria A. Fox	77	11	29
Apr. 30	Edward Desimas	2	10	16
May 1	Maria M. Tewksbury	69	10	4
May 31	Annie Ford	60	4	4
June 5	Wilfred Roy	46	—	—
Aug. 6	Margaret Connors	59	—	—
Aug. 9	E. Adelia Woodward	68	4	22
Aug. 17	Stillborn.			
Aug. 23	Cleophas Loranger	73	—	—
Oct. 10	John F. Dolan	63	—	—
Oct. 22	Sylvia Ann Ford	—	7	10

THE VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL

A few days ago while reading in a little book of Garden Songs, by Laura Coolley Hamil, I came across this poem which seems to just fit our town.

"THERE IS A DAY IN SPRING"

"There is a day in Spring, a moment rather
When all the joys of all the year are pressed
Into one brimming measure, and the town
New-washed and fragrant sweet, appears to gather
A robe of gauze, transparent, to a breast
That beats in kindness beneath the gown.
Then all the tender green of arching trees
And all the spring-time scents that fill the air,
Streets framed in beauty evanescent, rare,
Bring some fantastic lightening of care
And men laugh, sing, forget life's dull decrees
Or with new courage run their task to seize,
Finding it, too, transfigured and as fair."

It is so lovely, and so truly describes our beautiful village with its wealth of natural scenery, that I could not resist passing it along to you to enjoy.

Tyngsboro is certainly one of Nature's beauty spots, and all that is ugly and disfiguring in it has been brought here by man.

Now is it always necessary that the useful shall be dull and uninteresting, or as in many cases, even worse than that, actually offensive to the eye, or is it simply because we give so little thought to the subject of beauty when we are in need of something useful? We are so thoughtless that we even allow the absolutely ugly sign boards to be erected along our highways.

Let us all put on our thinking caps and set our wits to working to see if we cannot start some sort of a campaign that will open people's eyes to these existing conditions, arouse their interest to abolish them, and see who can make his or her own home and its immediate surroundings contribute most to the sum total of beauty of the town, until that which has been builded by the hand of man shall vie with the works of God in beauty, or at least shall not be completely out of harmony with them.

Just as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so a village is no more beautiful than its most neglected home.

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It seems to me that many, many times, it is simply indifference and thoughtlessness on the part of the busy owners, which allow these unsightly conditions to continue, and it certainly is the duty of this organization to call their attention to such conditions and to assist them in finding a remedy.

If each and every one of us will take this advice and help to ourselves, and work to the very best of our ability to make our homes and grounds just as beautiful as they possibly can be made, think what a wonderfully lovely little village we shall have.

A perfect paradise of beauty, and our homes will be the envy of all who ride through here, for we certainly could not possibly have been intrusted with a more perfect natural setting to be made or marred by the hand of man.

Now let us all work together for the good and the beautiful in our town, and avail ourselves of every opportunity to gain information along this line which is given by the Middlesex County Extension Service and our own V. I. A. till our village shall blossom like a garden.

"THE WICKET GATE"

"They wanted a wicket gate to be

Where the garden should begin.

They planned it beautiful to see

For it shuts the flowers in.

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In Memoriam



BERNICE RUBY SHERBURNE

The Village Improvement Association suffered an irreplaceable loss in the recent death of Bernice Ruby Sherburne, who passed away on February 11, 1928. For many years she has been one of the most willing and faithful workers among the members of the association. She has held the office of clerk for a long time and at the last annual meeting was elected its treasurer. Especially at the time of the annual fair, her work was most noticeable. Being above the average in ability to perform in amateur theatricals, she was a great asset in taking part in the plays and also in helping to coach the other players. She will be greatly missed by the association.

Bernice R. Sherburne was a native of Tyngsborough, having been born there on July 16, 1883. She was the daughter of Reuben B. and Ella J. Sherburne. She was educated in the public schools of the town, and entered the High School at Lowell. After her graduation from there in 1900, she continued her education at the State Normal School in Lowell, from which she was graduated in 1903. She was a fine scholar and throughout her educational career stood high in her classes.

Having fitted herself for teaching in the public schools, she accepted her first position in the town of Harvard. Since then she has taught in the schools of Nantasket, Brockton and Chelsea. At two different times she has been principal of the Winslow Grammar School of Tyngsborough, once in 1911, and again from 1915 to 1922. Since that time she has been teaching at the Bartlett Junior High School in Lowell. Her work has always been conscientious and of high quality. She was not satisfied to call her education ended with graduation from the Normal School, but continued in extension courses and summer school work at Columbia College and other places to constantly improve herself. Her influence upon her pupils was remarkably great. They admired her and were willing to work hard for her sake.

Her activities were not confined to the school room. She was a member of the Middlesex County Teachers' Association and for two years was its vice-president. She

was a member of the Unitarian church, in Tyngsborough, and was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Alliance connected with that church.

Both as a means of recreation and for the purposes of broadening her mind, she spent some of her summers in travel. She visited St. Louis at the time of the World's Fair. She visited several of the countries of Europe, including France, England, Scotland and Italy. About one and one-half years were spent in California.

Her pleasant smile, her willing help in various activities in this community will long be missed.

TYNGSBORO MEN'S CLUB

Another pleasant and interesting year has passed for the Men's Club.

This Club has been in existence since 1915, when it started with twenty members on the charter list. The Club prospered, the membership increased until it reached an average of about seventy five members on the roll up to the present time.

The Club cordially invites all men to join who wish. There is no initiatory ceremony to go through, all one has to do is notify the Secretary of his intention and pay dues to end of year.

At the present time we are under the leadership of Mr. James E. Kendell who has put the business of the meeting through promptly, thereby giving ample time for some very interesting programs.

The entertainments of this season are in the hands of Raymond W. Sherburne and Roscoe C. Turner and thus far have been very interesting. At the October meeting Philip Morse talked on his trip to Africa and showed pictures of the trip. The November meeting took place in the form of a visitation to Pepperell Men's Club at which meeting we heard a talk on a trip through Germany and other points of interest in Europe. We were also given a musical program and had a very nice supper. There were about thirty-five members of our Club present.

Our December meeting was not so well attended presumably on account of the nearness of the Holiday. At this meeting Mr. Elmer Knowles spoke on the Single Tax. There was a chicken supper served at the regular price of seventy five cents at this meeting. This supper could not be duplicated under a dollar and a quarter.

At the January meeting Dr. Edwin L. Farrington gave an illustrated talk on his trip to Labrador.

We are looking forward to some very interesting programs for the remaining three meetings and hope our Ladies' Night usually held in May will be the success it has been in the past. If there are any who have the least thought of joining this Club they should certainly signify their intentions at once so as to be with us at our meeting in May.

It seems that most any man could spare at least three hours a month to meet with his neighbors and enjoy these good times and get better acquainted S. E. C.

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THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH

By Rev. Celian Ufford, Minister

Members of the First Parish Church have been managing most of the activities of the Society during the past year since Dr. and Mrs. George C. Cressey left Tyngsboro after Dr. Cressey's retirement from the ministry following two years of residence in the village and a long career of more than forty years of benevolent Christian service. The Cresseys' many friends in Tyngsboro including not only members of the parish but also those not identified with the functions of the church, have missed them. A number have continued to send letters and to receive letters from Dr. and Mrs. Cressey, and in that way the spirit of their ministry here has been maintained.

During the interval until the present minister was called to the Parish, regular services continued, especially through the helpful agency of Rev. Charles R. Joy, minister of All Souls Church of Lowell and Secretary of the Committee on the Supply of Pulpits of the Unitarian Ministerial Union. Ministers of Unitarian churches of nearby cities and towns, students in the Theological School in Harvard University, and candidates for the Tyngsboro ministry have occasionally supplied the pulpit.

During the past year Mrs. Kirk Bancroft, Harriette, and Kirk Jr., have moved to Lowell.

The people of the Parish have heard with sorrow of the death of Rev. Albert C. White, minister of the Parish from 1918 to 1922. He died in Florida where he was minister of the Pensacola Universalist Church, after forty-eight years of gracious Christian service.

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THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH

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The Parish and village have suffered a sad bereavement through the death of Miss Bernice Sherburne, in Lowell, a loyal and effective member of the Church, Treasurer of the Alliance, Clerk and Treasurer of the Village Improvement Association, dependable, efficient, and progressive. A radiant soul has left us but her influence remains.

The present minister candidate and was called last May, preached as a supply during June, and was asked to commence his ministry with the beginning of the current church year in September, 1927. The arrangement was made that his residence should be the First Parish Parsonage, which had been rented since the Cresseys left Tyngsboro, and that his duties were to be merely the conduct of the regular Sunday morning service, since he was to be employed professionally elsewhere during the week. He resigned from his position as a member of the University of New Hampshire English department faculty and manager of the University and State debating and public speaking activities, and obtained a position as instructor in History at the Nashua Senior High School in order to be near Tyngsboro.

Under the direction of members of the Parish the various Church activities have progressed as usual. The Parish Officers elected for the year are: Mrs. Bertha M. Turner, Clerk of the Parish; Mr. Roscoe C. Turner, Miss Ophelia S. Brown, and Mr. James H. Woodward, Parish Committee; Mr. Roscoe C. Turner, Treasurer of the Parish.

Officers of the Sunday School were re-elected in January: Mr. Chester Bancroft, Superintendent; Floyd Bancroft, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary; and Margaret Bancroft, Treasurer. The principal beneficiary of the Sunday School continues to be the Children's Mission to Children, with headquarters in Boston. Floyd and Kendall Bancroft were awarded medals for perfect attendance during the past year, and most of the other members have had perfect or consistently good attendance records for a long period of time. The Beacon Course graded lessons are used. The teachers have been: Miss Ophelia Brown, adult class; Miss Jennie Bancroft, boys' class; and Mrs. James H. Woodward, junior and primary class. The Sunday School gave the annual Christmas Eve party with a Christmas tree and presents for all.

Mrs. Winifred F. Symonds has continued to serve with distinction as organist, assisted by Wallace Butterfield, Jr.

During the present season the sexton has been Mr. George Ford.

The most active and helpful organization in the First Parish has been, as always, the Ladies' Aid Alliance, a branch of the National Unitarian Women's Alliance. Its

officers elected for 1927-1928 are: Mrs. Enlo A. Perham, president; Mrs. Edward Larrabee, vice-president; Mrs. Herbert C. Hodgman, secretary; and Miss Bernice R. Sherburne, treasurer. The Alliance motto which has been maintained is, "The success of any Alliance is ten per cent opportunity and ninety per cent intelligent hustle." One evidence of this spirit has been several all day sewing meetings for the Lowell Guild.

The Alliance program for the year has been as follows:

October 19—Speaker, Miss Edith I. Jones, of the General Alliance; subject, "Social Service." Hostess, Miss Ophelia S. Brown, Farwell Road.

November 16—Speaker, Miss Elsie Brehault of the Lowell Guild; Hostess, Mrs. Roscoe C. Turner, Pawtucket Boulevard.

January 18, 1928—Speaker, Mrs. Otto Lyding of Nashua; subject, "Personal Social Service." Hostess, Mrs. Herbert Hodgman, Indian Lane, assisted by Mrs. Edward Larrabee.

Date to be announced—Speaker, Mrs. . Celian Ufford; subject "Emily Dickinson." Hostess, Mrs. James H. Woodward, Westford Road.

March 15—Speaker, Miss Clara F. Preston; subject, "A Trip to Greece." Hostess, Mrs. Enlo A. Perham, Kendall Road.

April 26—Speaker to be announced. Hostess, Mrs. Fred E. Wiggin, Middlesex Road.

A few of the other Alliance activities have been: a Lawn Party on the Parish Common in July, 1927; a Reminiscent Social; a Hallowe'en Social; the conduct of the Church Fair in the Town Hall, the Christmas Sale and a one act comedy, "Sardines." (Cast: Mrs. Lottie Bancroft, Miss Ophelia Brown, Miss Bessie Norris, Miss Hazel Hodgman, and Miss Bernice Sherburne, Director.) Besides providing refreshments and other meals for the various meetings under Alliance, Church, and some other society auspices the Alliance provided dinner and supper in the Town Hall on the occasion of the February Town Meeting, as usual. The Tyngsboro Alliance refreshments and meals are justly famous even beyond Middlesex County for their quality and liberality.

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THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH

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To do justice to the many helpful activities of the Alliance for the benefit of Tyngsboro institutions and individuals would require all of the pages of this magazine, however, the minister can and does hereby gratefully acknowledge the Alliance's masterful renovation of the parsonage just prior to its present occupancy, in which Mrs. Ufford and their children join with respect and affection.

It can be no reflection upon the able services of the men of the Parish who have done more than their share of the men's work required in the Parish, especially during the incumbency of a part time minister, to recall the experience of the pioneer New Englanders who travelled far out upon the Western plains three quarters of a century ago, where they were both surprised and pleased to discover humans ahead of them whom they recognized as true original Unitarians. They knew these Redskins to be so because they worshipped the One God, the Great Spirit in His Happy Hunting Grounds, and because the women did nearly all the work.

Respectfully submitted with reverence for the Church Universal and with high hopes for the continued welfare of the Community.

Cellian Ufford.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF FLORIDA

My first impressions of Florida began at Jacksonville, where we arrived at 7 a. m. on Dec. 31—a beautiful sunny morning. As our train would remain there for three hours, I decided to improve my opportunity to see something of the city, and took a taxi as the quickest way to get about.

Jacksonville, the gateway to Florida, is very big and businesslike, the residence section very beautiful with its parks and fountains, and the new bridge over the St. John's river quite wonderful. The ride was very pleasant and it certainly made an impression on my pocket book.

In the four-hour trip from Jacksonville to Orlando the scenery featured some very attractive cities as seen from the train, and in between, some dreary stretches of sand and swamp, with occasional forests of hard pine where turpentine is produced.

Orlando is called the City Beautiful and deserves its name. Its wide, brick-paved streets are lined with magnificent water-oaks and graceful palms; there are numerous lakes small and great, with attractive parks and playgrounds on their shores, with picturesque swans, grebes and herons on their waters.

I was fortunate in arriving here one day ahead of the recent "cold snap," so saw the beauty of the gay poinsettias, the luxuriant ferns and dainty jasmine before these were laid low by the icy fingers of Jack Frost.

The buildings are chiefly of stucco, cement or decorated tile, many of Spanish type of architecture which blends so well with the Southern landscape. I have visited several churches here, all well attended; in one instance "standing room only" was reached before the service commenced. The people are most cordial and friendly, ready with the welcoming hand, doing all in their power for the comfort and pleasure of their visitors.

A ride to Clermont on a lovely afternoon took me into a hilly region, reminding me of our beloved New England. Acres of thrifty orange groves with their golden fruit, large fields of lettuce, peas, celery and strawberries made it difficult to realize that it was January instead of May.

I believe that Florida has great possibilities, not only as a winter playground, but as a huge market garden; but for its development, time and patience as well as money will be required.

F. L. S.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report of the Tyngsboro Village Improvement Association for the year ending November 11, 1927.

Balance on hand, November 1926	\$ 46.53
Receipts from Banquet	25.70
Refund from Ladies Social Circle for Make-up box	1.00
Refund from Fair 192625
Dues	14.00
Annual Paper	106.50
Gift Carl Richmond	25.00
Receipts from Fair	\$ 442.95
Expenses of Fair	183.60
Net Proceeds	\$ 259.35

Grand Total for the year	\$ 478.33
General Expenses	
Perham and Queen	20.93
Advertising	1.96
Expense of Banquet	7.00
R. B. Sherburne. Ice Cream	4.50
Louis Balfe. Printing	110.00
Clean Up days	15.00

General Expenses	\$ 159.39
Total	\$ 159.39

Balance on hand November 11, 1927.	\$ 318.94
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THE INFLUENCE OF VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT

The vital influence of village improvement is much further reaching than we ordinarily realize. It is indeed well that our village and homes be beautiful for passing autoists and visiting guests; but the real contributions of beautiful gardens and well-kept lawns are to be found in life itself.

There is the story told about a mother, who sent her little boy to the kindergarten for the first time. The surroundings from which the boy came were not of the best. One of the first things the kindergarten teacher did was to give the boy a thorough washing. Upon his return home, the mother was hardly able to recognize her boy, so great was the change. The more she thought about her clean boy the more she noticed her dirty house. She decided she must have a clean and neat house for her clean boy. So she cleaned her house from the attic to the cellar. Then the fact that the lawn was untidy brought discomfort to her mind. The clean house demanded a well-kept lawn. The neighbors noticed the radical change in the surroundings of this home and they decided to clean-up their lawns and gardens. The result of one clean boy was an improved village.

Now ordinarily it would not be feasible to start village improvement by this particular method. But the process will work both ways and herein lies the deeper influence of village improvement. One of the strongest innate tendencies of childhood is a love for the beautiful. A beautiful picture, a lovely flower catches the eye of any baby. Comenius, the great educator, held that infancy was the time when all branches of culture should begin, and the capacity to recognize beauty is no exception. The mere suggestion of this phase of village improvement helps us to see that the man who cultivates a beautiful garden, may at the same time be cultivating and directing the aesthetic appreciation of his own children and also that of his neighbors' children. Village improvement becomes more significant when viewed in this light. We must so surround the children of our land with the beautiful that as grown men and women they will seek and secure the beautiful things of life. I am suggesting that beautiful gardens and well-kept lawns may send their influences through the homes, which they surround, and out into the world in the lives of grown men and women who walk the earth with lifted minds and springing steps because as children they lived in a village where Beauty was held as a premium.

The influence of a beautiful village not only makes life more pleasant and worth while but bids for better fathers and mothers and so directs the aesthetic appreciation of the coming generation that the future is definitely linked up with the beautiful. One's ideals are always a little clearer and more alluring when enhanced by a fond appreciation of the beautiful. So let us one and all, work for village improvement.

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THE BROWNIE PACK

The Brownie Pack in Tyngsboro was started in the winter of 1925-26 and May 25, 1926 the following girls were registered; Grace Barton, Esther Wilkins, Frances Clark, Barbara Connell, Dorothy Dunning, Rita Stone, Helen Bell, Helen Woodward, Eleanor Sherburne, Elizabeth Keyes, Blanche Russon, Harriett Dolan, Ethel Brown.

During the year Helen Webster, Rita Webster, Virginia Russon, Hilda Dolan, Daisy Gotham, Kathleen Holt and Mona Hainsworth joined the Pack bringing the registration in May, 1927, to twenty.

October 1927 Dorothy Dunning, Barbara Connell, Esther Wilkins, Grace Barton and Frances Clarke having passed the three tests and received the "Brownie Pin," the "Golden Bar" and the "Golden Hand," "flew up" to the Scouts.

The Brownie Pack now numbers thirteen and holds weekly meetings Friday afternoons in the Winslow School. "Brownies" is part of the Scout movement for girls of 7-10 years.

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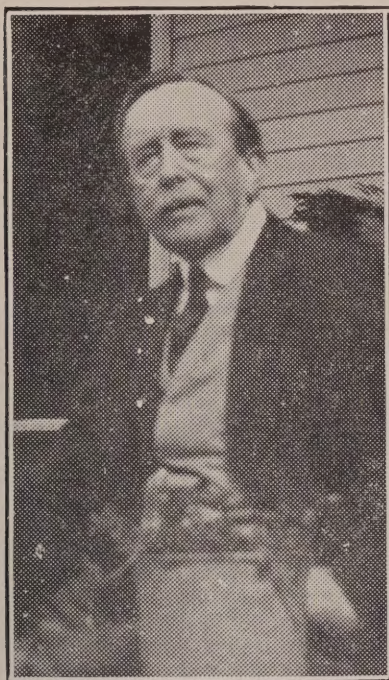
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REV. ALBERT C. WHITE.

The sad news of the passing from this life, of the Rev. Albert C. White has been received from New Port Ritchie,

Mr. White was born in Newark, Ohio, in 1852, the son of Cornelius C. and Frances E. White. He was educated at Tufts' College and Crane's Theological School. He spent most of his life in the ministry. His later pastorates were in Pepperell, Mass., Orono, Maine, and in 1917 he came to Tyngsboro, Mass., to the First Parish Church (Unitarian.)

After preaching six years in Tyngsboro, Mr. and Mrs. White were forced by his failing health, to leave the North for the milder climate of the South. It was with deepest regret, that the members of his pasorate accepted his resignation in 1923 in order that he might go to Florida to regain his health and build up his strength which was not equal to the rigors of the severe northern winters.

During the time Mr. White was pastor in Tyngsboro, he built up the church materially and endeared himself to the whole community by his sunny and genial disposition.

Rev. Mr. White leaves a wife, Harriet Welch White, eight children, Richard, Corydon, Margaret, Merritt, Corinne, Horace, Walter and Helen, also a number of grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. White spent last summer in East Winthrop, Maine, and returned to the South in the fall, accompanied by their daughter Corinne, who was with them at the time of his death.

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OFFICERS

Troop Committee: Mrs. Chester H. Queen, Chairman; Mrs. F. D. Lambert, Mrs. Raymond Sherburne, Miss Grace Henderson, Miss Mabel Parker.

Lieutenants: Irene Mitchell, 1st class; Jessie Marriott, 2nd class.

Patrol Leaders: Margaret Davis, 2nd class; Catherine Conier, 2nd class; Mildred Mitchell, 2nd class; Frances Savill, 2nd class.

Corporals: Edith Pierce, 2nd class; Virginia Allgrove; 2nd class; Phyllis Currier, 2nd class; Ruth Smith 2nd class.

Color Guards: Ruth Smith, 2nd class; Helen Brown, 2nd class; Iverna Young, 2nd class; Madeline Blaine, 2nd class.

SECOND CLASS SCOUTS

Barbara Collier, Madeline Dunning, Hazel Smith, Delma Brown, Natalie Davis, Rubylee Mottram, Beatrice Jordan, Flora Brown, Olive Littlehale and Jessmine Allgrove.

TENDERFOOT SCOUTS

Jane Dugan, Ruth Loop, Waneta Mason, Elsie Brown, Louise Campbell, Irene Cabana, Frances Clarke, Barbara Connell, Beatrice Drew, Florence Drew, Dorothy Dunning, Catherine Robertson, Jane Robertson, Esther Wilkins.

CANDIDATES

Grace Barton, Ethel Brown, Juanita Campbell, Mildred Shaw.

The regular meetings of the Tyngsboro Girl Scouts are held every Monday at 3 P. M. Our troop has grown until we now have forty-two girls. Recently five girls were welcomed into our troop from the Brownies.

Six girls represented our troop at the State Review, last May which was held in Boston.

Last Memorial Day the girls assisted the Memorial Day Committee by decorating the soldiers' graves at the four cemeteries, and gathered flowers which were used at the Town Hall.

During the meeting, before Christmas the girls went Christmas carolling. At Christmas the girls sent twenty-nine dressed dolls to the hospital. One afternoon during the Christmas week we entertained the patients at the Lowell General Hospital.

During the past year we contributed to the "Juliette Low Memorial Fund" which is a fund used to further the Girl Scout movement throughout the United States. We also contributed to the "Cornellia Warren Sundial Fund" which was used at Cedar Hill to erect a sundial in memory of Cornellia Warren who gave Cedar Hill the home of the Massachusetts Girl Scouts.

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TYNGSBOROUGH GRANGE, No. 222

During the past year, Tyngsborough Grange has continued its usual work with little variations. The meetings have been both interesting and instructive and the work of all the officers and committees has been carried out congenially and with hearty good will.

Among the meetings those of special note include Children's Night on which an entertainer was present who amused the children and grown-ups as well with slight of hand tricks and musical numbers; a visit by the members of Pepperell Grange; the reception in September to the school teachers and superintendent; and the visit by the officers of Middlesex North Pomona Grange.

The exhibit at the Grange Fair was one of the best ever shown at a Grange Fair. In competition with other fairs in nearby towns, we obtained second prize on general exhibit and third prize on children's exhibit, the prizes being awarded by the Middlesex North Agricultural Society, and the judges being disinterested persons selected by it.

As has been its custom for the last few years, the Grange again provided for the lighting of the tree in front of the Town Hall each evening from Christmas Eve until New Year's

Especially has the spirit of friendliness and co-operation, which has been manifested in all its undertakings, made the year a pleasant one for both officers and members.

R. W. S.

ANNUAL MEETING OF V. I. A.

The Annual Meeting of the Village Improvement Association for the year ending November 11, 1927.

The Annual Meeting of the Village Improvement Association was held in the Town Hall on Friday Evening, Nov. 11, 1927. About 50 members and friends were present and enjoyed a delicious roast-beef supper served under the direction of the Executive Committee. During the evening a musical program was given by the Junior Orchestra, composed of Phyllis Currier, Virginia Allgrove, Wallace Butterfield and Corliss Lambert.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. H. E. Symonds. He first introduced Mr. Albert Herr of Lowell, who gave enjoyable vocal selections.

Mr. Harry L. Littlehale, Mr. Marshall Cummings and Mr. R. W. Sherburne were appointed a nominating committee to report later in the evening.

The reports of the clerk, treasurer, auditor and executive committee were read and accepted. The executive committee reported that the Annual Cleanup Days and the Annual Fair were held as usual. Also, the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of the river.

The nominating committee made the following recommendation:

President—Ralph S. Harlow.

Vice Presidents—Roscoe C. Turner.

—Reuben B. Sherburne.

Clerk and Treasurer—Bernice R. Sherburne.

Executive Committee for three years—Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Sherburne.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Herbert C. Hodgman.

Auditor—Wallace P. Butterfield.

The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot thus electing the above named officers.

On account of illness the expected speaker of the evening was unable to be present. However, some of our own members were ready with helpful suggestions of improvement.

Rev. Cellian Ufford spoke of the ideal location of our town on the high banks of the river. His suggestions for improvement were:

First, to eliminate the sign-boards from the highways.

Second, to beautify the gas-stations. He said that in these days the filling stations are one of the things by which a town is remembered and therefore should be an object of beauty.

Rev. Lauren B. Thomas also spoke on what Tyngsboro had come to mean to him and his pleasure on being with us.

Mrs. C. H. Queen suggested that the V. I. A. sponsor a contest for the improvement of premises about the houses. Also, she thought more attention should be given to care of trees and shrubs previously set out by the organization.

Mr. Raymond W. Sherburne spoke on the topic of making the organization itself more efficient keeping it more alive. He made a motion that a committee be appointed by the president to look over the by-laws with a view of amending and improving them.

This motion was carried. The president appointed the following committee:

Mr. R. W. Sherburne, Mr. Marshall Cummings, Mr. B. R. Currier.

Voted to adjourn.

(Signed) Bernice R. Sherburne,

Clerk.

Shortly after this meeting Mr. and Mrs. Albion C. Farrow resigned, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Haley were appointed to fill their places. Executive Committee.



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Through the growth of the Parent-Teacher organizations in our country, during the past year, the realization that this association deals with an important partnership problem has been gradually seeping into public consciousness and finding a deepened interest in the basic principle that education is the chief business of the nation.

Boys and girls, trained in the home, in the school, in the church, and in the community, to be good citizens, are the greatest asset of any nation. No one of these institutions is capable of producing a well-rounded character without the help of the others. The parents are not only the pattern, but the first natural teachers, and therefore lay the foundation. The public is becoming more and more aware of the fact that the school, where the child spends only about one-ninth of his time during the year, can only continue the work of character building begun in the home.

The parent-teachers, or home and school association, gives promise of making a very valuable contribution to child welfare.

Not only the citizens, but all residents of Massachusetts, are most fortunate in the interest and responsibility assumed by our state in developing physically, mentally, and morally, the maximum possibilities of every child.

The programs presented during the past year by the Tyngsboro Parent-Teacher Association have shown how much greater opportunity is available right here in our home town, than in many other localities. The illustrated lecture on Alaska, given last March by Mr. Edward Carney, the views of Labrador shown last month by Miss Grace Parker and her story of the struggle being made to carry the work of education into that country, as well as Miss Helen Martin's interesting talk on the Navajo Indians and their needs, all emphasize the fact of our good fortune and should thrill us with a sense of appreciation that we live in a community where the public has awakened to its responsibilities in the development of its younger citizens.

The informal talk, given in January, by Dr. George M. Sullivan, District Health Officer, on communicable diseases of children, shows how the more educated public has accepted prevention as its main objective rather than cure.

Twice during the year, the Grange and the Parent-Teacher Association have united; first, in a reception to teachers and to the stranger within our gates, and a few weeks ago in sponsoring the illustrated lecture on the wonderful work being done by Sir Wilfred Grenfell and his assistants in Labrador.

With the parents and teachers working harmoniously together for the good of the youth, the outlook for the future will, indeed, be bright, and the community enriched with a power for achievement because of the high standards of its citizens.

Grace H. Henderson.

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Carlos Dunning
Troop Committee

Dr. Lambert, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Currier, Mr. Goldthwaite.

Asst. Scoutmasters
Mr. Lincoln, Jardine Davis, Duanne Young
Junior Asst. Scoutmasters
Richard Lambert, David Lambert
Senior Patrol Leader
Corliss Lambert
Patrol Leaders

Charles Currier, Elbert Haley, Robert Menut
Asst. Patrol Leaders

Wallace Butterfield, Franklin Davis, Douglas Davis
Scribe
Carl R. Dunning
Scouts

William Marriot, Ernest Brown, Wilfred Dow, Alfred Dickson, Oliver Robinson, Stuart Chaney, Lester Jordan, Herbert Riley, Warren Riley, James Hainsworth, Myron Hartford, Glennon Shawcross, Clifford Jordan, John Hughes.

The Troop is the largest it has ever been since it was re-organized six years ago. The scouts that joined the Troop six years ago have grown up and advanced in scouting and now hold responsible positions in the Troop. Their work has helped the Troop to grow and improve.

CARLOS W. DUNNING,
Scoutmaster.

LOCAL ITEMS

The buildings of Mrs. Catherine Barrow, corner Coburn Road and Lakeview Ave. were destroyed by fire on the morning of June 27. She has since rebuilt on the same foundation. Charles Turple, a neighbor, taking the contract, with several other carpenter neighbors and sympathizing friends, made quick time with the work.

Charles Haley last year built a two-story house on land bought of Reuben Sherburne on Pawtucket Boulevard, and is now occupying the same.

In August last Albert Hadley sold his personal property and moved to St. Petersburg, Fla. the house being left in real estate dealers' hands. The house next on Middlesex Road, built by the Butterfield sisters, is unoccupied, and for sale, Mr. Marshall, the occupant, having passed away.

On Farwell Road, the house owned by Ida Ekstrom has been sold to Helen Ekstrom, a niece. Repairs made, she will occupy part of the year.

On Kendall Road the house known as Elizabeth Blodgett's was bought by Frank Cobleigh, the family now living there.

Harry Holt and George Duff have made repairs and painted.

Mrs. Joseph Pelletier has rented to Arthur Pyer.

Otis Fuller sold his place to Mr. Lonas of Nashua, the family now occupying after many improvements.

Clayton and Mendell Reed have built themselves a home with garage on a lot from their father's farm.

Beyond the cemetery, on Locust Ave. the Henry Upton farm was sold last spring to a Townsend party, and the farm adjoining to Lowell parties, Harold Wilkins and Adelard Leblanc, Mrs. Upton going to Medford to live with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Eubanks.

It may be of interest to many residents of Tyngsboro, and non-residents who read our paper, to know with other improvements by the cemetery commissioners in general, of the Tyng lot in the Drake cemetery. In October last the body of Theodocious Tyng of Barrington, Conn. was brought here for interment, the committal service being read by his son, Rev. Dudley Tyng, a descendant of Edward Tyng, an early settler for whom the town was named. Since then the lot has been regraded and granite blocks placed at the corners, the old tomb remaining.

With the grounds well cared for in all the cemeteries we note another lot in the Thompson ground; that of Mr. Bradford and wife and daughter. Mr. Bradford was formerly a minister of the Evangelical Church. Grading with corner stones by order of Mr. Blanchard of Plymouth, Mass., a friend of the family; a large pansy bed decorated the lot last year, set out by him. The interest these people have taken in their lots we feel sure is appreciated by Tyngsboro people and friends.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION

Heretofore, it has been the custom of the Extension service to allow the women of each town to choose the project they desired to take up, but last fall the same program was put on in all the towns of Middlesex County at the same time.

At the first meeting, two groups were formed, one at Woods Corner under the leadership of Mrs. Geo. Bacon and Mrs. John Stone, the other at the center with Mrs. Herbert Hodgman and Mrs. Bertrand Currier in charge.

These leaders attended the Local Leaders' Training School, meeting every other month in Lowell, and brought back to the group the lesson taught by Mrs. Haynes, the state leader.

This method allowed Miss Feeney and Miss Billings, the home demonstration agents for our county, to reach a much larger number of towns, coming, as Miss Billings did to us, once in two months instead of every month as heretofore.

The Woods Corner group met at Mrs. Bacon's. The center group at the Town Hall once, twice at Mrs. Currier's, once at Mrs. Chester Queen's and once with Mrs. Charles Haley.

The project was called the Home Improvement Project and the first meeting was on "Kitchen Improvement" and took up various ways to save steps and make inexpensive changes that would make for better working conditions, light, etc.

The second meeting was in charge of Miss Billings and dealt with correct heights of working surfaces and correct posture.

The third meeting was on "floors," with demonstrations of various finishes, suggestions for the care of floors, also care and selection of linoleum.

The fourth was on wall finishes, kitchen curtains, and various accessories.

The fifth meeting took in all kinds of kitchen equipment and household hints.

Literature on the different subjects was given out and score cards to be filled out and returned.

The meetings were well attended and much interest shown.

The Extension Service are planning a Spring program on "Nutrition" While we have had nutrition work in Tyngsboro before, they promise us something new and different.

Everyone who is interested, come. If you are not interested, come and get interested.

Mrs. Herbert C. Hodgman,
Mrs. Bertrand R. Currier.

OUR SHUT-INS

We, the shut-ins, take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to the Girl Scouts and carol chorus for the joy they gave us at Yuletide with their angelic carols.
B.

MAIL DELIVERIES

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THE 4 H CLUBS

The last few years there have been a number of 4 H clubs in this town under the direction of George E. Erickson, County Club Agent. This year we have three clubs at work. The Poultry Club in charge of Mr. James H. Woodward as local leader, president, Shirley Wyman and secretary, Paul Ekstrom. The Clothing Club, Senior Local Leader, Mrs. Raymond W. Sherburne; Junior Local Leader, Mary McGrath; President, Rubylee Mottram; Vice-President, Irene Cabana; Treasurer, Virginia McGrath; Secretary, Madeline Dunning and Reporter, Virginia Allgrove. The Handicraft Club, Senior Local Leader, Mr. Raymond Norton; Junior Local Leader, Carl Dunning; President, Elbert Haley; Secretary, Arthur Logue; Treasurer, George Bell; Reporter, Robert Lambert.

It is the aim of the Extension Service to give children of 10 years and over help in these different kinds of work, and under the supervision of Miss Dorothy Somes, Assistant County Club Agent, the children ought to accomplish quite a lot. The 4 H's mean The Head, Heart, Hand and Health.

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There is to be a membership table at the Annual Fair this year and it is the earnest hope of the Executive Committee that all former members will make haste to enroll for the year 1928, to make this year the biggest and best in the history of the association.

The Executive Committee also takes this opportunity to invite all new-comers to Tyngsboro to join our association and any other friends we have who have never enrolled we herewith invite them to join us.

We have set the mark at 100 members for 1928, this does not seem unreasonable in a town the size of Tyngsboro. There were only fourteen paid-up members last year, and the treasury is sadly in need of funds, so let us all join forces in this drive and see if we can raise the membership to 100 before midnight March 9, 1928.

Executive Committee.

COMMITTEES FOR ANNUAL FAIR, MARCH 8-9, 1928

Decorations—Mrs. Valmos Stone.

Fancy Table—Mrs. B. R. Currier, Chairman.

Children's Table—Mrs. James Woodward, Chairman.

Candy Table—Mrs. Horace Clarke, Chairman.

Novelty Table—Mrs. Herbert Shipley, Chairman.

Domestic Table—Mrs. James Brown, Chairman.

Ice Cream Table—Br. Chester F. K. Bancroft.

Farmers' Table—Mr. Adolph Ekstrom, Chairman.

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